

Remarks

Regarding independent claim 29: This claim contains those limitations originally found in claim 13. Since claim 13 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form, claim 29 is in proper condition for allowance.

Regarding independent claim 31: This claim contains those limitations originally found in claim 14. Since claim 14 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form, claim 31 is in proper condition for allowance.

Regarding independent claim 32: This claim contains those limitations originally found in claim 15. Since claim 15 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form, claim 32 is in proper condition for allowance.

Regarding independent claim 33: This claim contains those limitations originally found in claim 19. Since claim 19 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form, claim 33 is in proper condition for allowance.

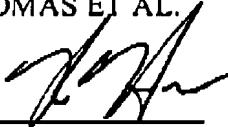
Regarding independent claim 35: This claim contains those limitations originally found in claim 20. Since claim 20 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form, claim 35 is in proper condition for allowance.

Regarding independent claim 36: This claim contains those limitations originally found in claim 21. Since claim 21 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form, claim 36 is in proper condition for allowance.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein; and no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references. As the Applicants have overcome all substantive rejections given by the Examiner the Applicants contend that this Amendment, with the above discussion, overcomes the Examiner's rejections to the pending claims. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request allowance of the application. If the Examiner is of the opinion that any issues regarding the status of the application remain after this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

representative to expedite resolution of the matter. Finally, please charge any fees (including extension of time fees) or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502117.

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